

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently became aware of a great proposal for the use of bonding money that would greatly increase the safety of residents of our neighborhood. The project involves widening of the intersection near the SuperAmerica at Arkwright and Maryland. I understand that this project would be a wise investment as the city would not have to pay as much for right of way access because SuperAmerica granted the city some of this access when they were allowed to build there. Of greater importance however is the increased safety this project would bring to our neighborhood in the immediate future. This intersection is located in a heavily, heavily concentrated area of residential homes of working families. Many of us with children have had great concern about this intersection for years. Most of us know someone who has been involved in a traffic accident at this intersection and have had concerns about our children using that intersection. Because SuperAmerica and Pete's Marathon are the closest place to go for everyday necessities for residents in the Brainerd, Maryland, DeSoto, Bradley, Jessie, Edgerton, and Arkwright area it would help their businesses to have a left-turn arrow at this intersection so that our children could be allowed to use that intersection again for these needs. In addition, it just makes sense. This intersection is one of the most dangerous in the city of Saint Paul and on top of that it is located in a residential neighborhood with many, many working families nearby. If ever there was an argument for a slam-dunk use of city money to increase the public safety and housing safety of Saint Paul residents, I think this is it. Please pass these comments on to the committee that oversees spending on these proposals.

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